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## **Better protections for injured people to be discussed at Australian Lawyers Alliance NSW conference in Terrigal, this week**

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More than 150 lawyers will gather at the Crowne Plaza, Terrigal, this week, to discuss better legal protections for the injured and disadvantaged.

Keynote speaker is NSW District Court Judge, Anthony Garling. Barrister, Duncan Graham, will provide a medical negligence update; consultant psychiatrist, Dr Jonathan Phillips, will give an insight into the minds of the psychologically injured; and barrister, Stephen Campbell SC, will put work accidents under the magnifying glass.

Barrister, Andrew Stone, will also host an ethics hypothetical; APC Prosthetics director, David Howells OAM, will talk about what is new in prostheses; barristers Elizabeth Beilby and Dominic Toomey will present the annual case review; and barrister, Phil Perry, will deliver a presentation entitled, Expert Conclave: Is it A Battle of the Personalities?

Alliance NSW president, Jnana Gumbert, said the annual NSW conference was a highlight for legal practitioners in the state who wanted to stay up to date with some of the most significant and topical subjects being debated in the legal fraternity and the media.

As well as providing high quality legal education, the conference was an opportunity to get to know others in specialised legal fields and to contribute to the voice of the organisation.

The Australian Lawyers Alliance is a non-profit organisation with about 1500 members nation-wide. It aims to protect and promote justice, freedom and the rights of the individual and does this by highlighting inequities in the law.

Some of the issues the organisation has been lobbying against in recent weeks include increasing amounts of 'tough on crime' legislation such as mandatory sentencing, stop and search powers and anti-association laws.

It has also spoken out about poor workers' compensation protections in NSW; the return of common law rights to individuals; and religious prejudice in the political arena that needs to be addressed with a human rights Act.

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